

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-50 are pending. Claims 14-50 were withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. Claim 9 was rejected. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-8 are allowed, and that claims 10-13 would be allowable if amended to be in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. However, Applicant submits that in view of the following remarks, the rejection of claim 9 should be withdrawn, and it is not necessary to rewrite claims 10-13 in independent form.

Claim 9 was rejected as being anticipated by, or obvious over, Insalaco (US 5,238,515).
Claim 9 requires:

inserting the ventilation cloth into the adhesive with an elongated straight insertion member, the insertion member having a length substantially as long as a length of the screen bar segment.

Merriam-Webster's online dictionary defines straight as, "free from curves, bends, angles, or irregularities" and "generated by a point moving continuously in the same direction and expressed by a linear equation". See <http://www.m-w.com/cgi-bin/dictionary?book=Dictionary&va=straight>

Insalaco teaches the use of a plurality of rollers as insertion members. The Action says that "the rollers (as a whole), which are mounted on an L-shaped bracket are seen to constitute an elongated straight insertion member in that the inner ends of the rollers (towards the center of the table) define a straight plane that comes into contact with the retaining channels (e.g., the rollers are aligned along the machine direction of the frame/cloth assembly."

Each one of Insalaco's rollers is a circular object. The set of rollers "as a whole" is not "free from curves, bends, angles, or irregularities" and is not "generated by a point moving continuously in the same direction." Thus, the assembly defined by a set of rollers is not

straight. A circular roller cannot be “free from curves”, and an assembly having multiple circular rollers cannot be free from curves. The rollers “as a whole” form a group of circular objects. The Action has selected a point at the inner end of each roller and created an imaginary line in space that passes through the points. However, there is no straight elongated insertion member lying on that imaginary line – only space. Claim 9 cannot be anticipated by an imaginary line in space. The straight plane suggested in the office action is only a theoretical construct of the patent and trademark office, based on hindsight from the applicant’s disclosure. Insalaco’s set of rollers is no more straight than a comb.

Because Insalaco fails to disclose a straight elongated insertion member, claim 9 is not anticipated. Further, claim 9 would not have been obvious at the time the invention was made either.

There is no suggestion in Insalaco that the rollers can be replaced by a straight elongated object. Insalaco teaches that his insertion members roll through the groove on the edge of the panels as the panels pass through the apparatus. There is no teaching in Insalaco that would suggest to one of ordinary skill that the rolling taught by Insalaco could be accomplished by an elongated straight insertion member.

One of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to modify the roller apparatus of Insalaco to use an elongated straight insertion member, because doing so would have prevented Insalaco’s apparatus from operating properly. An elongated straight insertion member would not be suitable for the rolling motion desired by Insalaco’s apparatus to allow the panels to glide through the station.

M.P.E.P. § 2143 recites:

To establish a prima facie case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, ..., to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. ...

M.P.E.P. § 2143.01 recites:

If proposed modification would render the prior art invention being modified unsatisfactory for its intended purpose, then there is no suggestion or motivation to make the proposed modification. *In re Gordon*, 733 F.2d 900, 221 USPQ 1125 (Fed. Cir. 1984)

Therefore, a prima facie case of obviousness have not been established, and the rejection of claim 9 should be withdrawn.

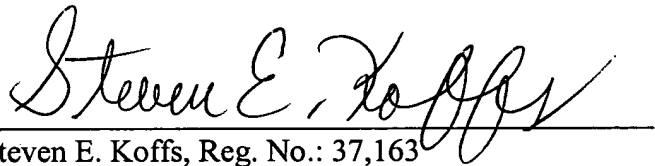
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Main Entry: ¹straight

Pronunciation: 'strAt

Function: *adjective*

Etymology: Middle English *streght*, *straight*, from past participle of *strecchen* to stretch -- more at [STRETCH](#)

1 a : free from curves, bends, angles, or irregularities
<straight hair> <straight timber> **b** : generated by a point moving continuously in the same direction and expressed by a linear equation <a straight line> <the straight segment of a curve>

2 a : lying along or holding to a direct or proper course or method <a straight thinker> **b** : **CANDID**, **FRANK** <a straight answer> **c** : coming directly from a trustworthy source <a straight tip on the horses> **d** (1) : having the elements in an order <the straight sequence of events> (2) : **CONSECUTIVE** <12 straight days> **e** : having the cylinders arranged in a single straight line <a straight 8-cylinder engine> **f** : **PLUMB**, **VERTICAL** <the picture isn't quite straight>

3 a : exhibiting honesty and fairness <straight dealing> **b** : properly ordered or arranged <set the kitchen straight> <set us straight on that issue>; also : **CORRECT** <get the facts straight> **c** : free from extraneous matter : **UNMIXED** <straight whiskey> **d** : marked by no exceptions or deviations in support of a principle or party <votes a straight Democratic ticket> **e** : having a fixed price for each regardless of the number sold **f** : not deviating from an

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indicated pattern <writes *straight* humor> <a *straight*-A student> **g** (1) : exhibiting no deviation from what is established or accepted as usual, normal, or proper : **CONVENTIONAL**; *also* : **SQUARE** 5f (2) : not using or under the influence of drugs or alcohol **h** : **HETEROSEXUAL** 4 : being the only form of remuneration <on *straight* commission>

- **straight·ish**  /'strA-tish/ *adjective*

- **straight·ly** *adverb*

- **straight·ness** *noun*

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